



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

JUNE 2, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I sow words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and in the life to come.
(Henri Nouwen)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof."
— Barbara Kingsolver, *"Animal Dreams"*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
"Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639" Johann Sebastian Bach
(I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

Cody Conley, *violin*
"Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV 1006" Johann Sebastian Bach
I. Preludio

Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to trust in God, to hear and follow God's call.
People: Let us trust in the goodness of God.
Leader: God works to help make this world better.
People: **Let us work to help create God's vision for a safer world.**
Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #848

"Trust in God"

SONG 13

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dearest Lord, creator of all, we are grateful for all that you have done for us. Although we hope and strive every day to follow your example, greed, wastefulness, and skepticism lead us astray. Help us to stay mindful of your grace and wisdom, that we may walk by faith and trust you in all that we do.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

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This world of ours...
must avoid becoming
a community of
dreadful fear and hate,
and be, instead, a
proud confederation of
mutual trust and
respect.
(Dwight D.
Eisenhower)

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN (sing 3 times)

"It Is Good To Trust"

♩ = 58

Dm A SUS A Dm C F

Bo - num est con - fi - de - re in the Do - mi - no,
It is good to trust in the Lord our God,

Gm C F Dm Gm7 Am Dm

bo - num spe - ra - re in the Do - mi - no.
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 25:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:16-34

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Evelyn Bard, Samantha Brake-Hoffman, Brady Conley, Liam Cowan,
Caleb DePaor, Kora Gambetta, Amiyah Nicole McCorvery, Mariesa Mizell,
Griffin Schreiber, Eleanor Willson

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN #661

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

SPARROW

SENIOR MESSAGES

*We congratulate the following students who are graduating from High School.
May God bless them always!*

Charlotte Bush, Chloe Ferrante, Brianna Hackett, Aveion LeVert, Robert Starzynski

HOMILY

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SLIDESHOW

OFFERING INVITATION

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Robert Lehman

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain'd, to bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd, to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

My trust in God flows
out of the experience
of his loving me, day in
and day out, whether
the day is stormy or
fair, whether I'm sick
or in good health,
whether I'm in a state
of grace or disgrace.
He comes to me
where I live and loves
me as I am.
(Brennan Manning)

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN
HISTORY:
English novelist and
poet Thomas Hardy
was born (1840);
Confederate troops
surrendered at the port
of Galveston, TX to
Union troops as the
final naval action of the
Civil War (1865);
Harlem Renaissance
writer Dorothy West
was born (1907);
Congress granted
American citizenship
to all Native Americans
(1924); baseball great
Lou Gehrig died of a
degenerative disease
(1941); and Ray
Charles' bestselling
song *I Can't Stop
Loving You* became
number 1 on the
Billboard Chart (1962).

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION OLD HUNDREDTH
The communion bread is presented by the 2nd and 3rd grade church school class members.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes. The Lord be with you.
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones. Lift up your hearts.
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor. We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: Es justo dar gracias y It is right to give God
alabanzas a Dios. thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING BREAD & CUP
Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Today in worship juice will be served in compostable cups. Please note that these cups are made from corn. We will have a small tray of juice in glass cups at the center Communion Station for those who are allergic to corn. The roaming communion server will also have juice in glass cups.
The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS
After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.

COMMUNION MUSIC
Special Music "Partita No. 1 in B Minor, BWV 1002" Johann Sebastian Bach
III. Sarabande
Hymn #516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" KINGDOM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Dr. Bush

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #765 "Song of Hope" ARGENTINA

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Michael Painter, organ
"Processional" Robert Powell

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Graduating Seniors: Charlotte Bush, Chloe Ferrante
Brianna Hackett, Aveion LeVert
Robert Starzynski

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Amos Chapman
Isaac Degenholtz
Sonia Degenholtz
Ramsey Lewand
Hallie Mattila
Samuele Noveli
Kiara Rockymore

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Michael Painter, *Organist*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Cody Conley, *Violin*

Acolytes: Mabel Buben and Ellie Willson

Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Laura Ristau

Crucifer: Youth

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*, sponsored by Presbyterian Women in ELPC. All are welcome to attend.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
June 9 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
June 9 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with our Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served. In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session NAMETAG that your child wears to Extended Session every week.

- * *Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3)* — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.
- * *Pre-school age children (through grade 1)* — Room 110B.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Available everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, June 16 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.



TODAY AT ELPC

Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth

This morning our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship. This special service is a tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Please pray for our youth as they prepare for the next steps on their journeys.

Today's Greeters

We thank ELPC's Presbyterian Women for being greeters this morning.

Tower Tour

Join us for a *Tower Tour* after worship today. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby after worship.

High School Mission Trip Planning Meeting

Youth in grades 8–12 who are planning on participating in our *High School Mission Trip* are asked to attend an important meeting today in the 2nd floor Parlor to plan our fun activities and devotions, design group t-shirts, and plan meals for the week!



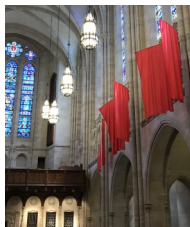
Young Adult Ministry Service Project — June 7

Come on Friday, June 7 from 6-8:30 pm and help with preparations for our Pride celebrations! Stay the entire time or drop in when you can, there will be plenty for us all to do! What we need:

- Loving and inclusive messages created
 - Painting letters (or writing/coloring with markers)
 - Sign construction
 - Pin buttons on informational cards (2,000 so please come help out!)
 - Cutting strips of fabric with scissors and/or rotary blade
- We will meet in Room 207. Dinner and childcare provided. Contact Kelli Booher for more info (KelliB@coh.net).

Wear Red on Pentecost — June 9

Pentecost is an annual church event that marks the end of the Easter season and the birth of the early Christian church. On this special day, we remember how the Holy Spirit inspired the first disciples. Join us in worship on Sunday, June 9 and wear red as a symbol of the fire that touched women and men that day, as we re-commit ourselves to sharing the good news of Christ. The *Pentecost Offering* will also be received.



ELPC PrideFest Participation — June 8 and 9

There are 4 ways you can participate in PrideFest as a representative of ELPC.

- ♦ Serve as a booth host at our joint booth on June 8 or 9. Sign-up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aaaaf28a4fc1-pittsburgh
- ♦ March in the *Delta Pride March* on June 9, beginning at 12:30 pm. Look for Tony Richardson on the Boulevard of the Allies.
- ♦ March in the *People's Pride March* on June 9 at 10 am. Look for Antwone Wright at Freedom Corner.
- ♦ Serve as a booth host at our ELPC table in West Park for *People's Pride* on June 9 from 10 am-8 pm. Contact Brittney Krieger (brittney.blaine.hope@gmail.com).

Please look for maps of the march routes, booth locations and more info at the Highland Ave entrance.

Tour ELPC — June 9 and 30

On Sunday, June 9, you're welcome to learn more about our beautiful stained glass windows during an after-worship tour. On June 30, tour our landmark tower following Sanctuary worship.

Writing Workshop — June 10, 17 and 24

Emily Mohn-Slate and Jane McCafferty will facilitate a writing workshop that will focus on how we can use writing to find resilience, faith, and gratitude in our life experiences on Mondays, June 10, 17 and 24 from 6:30-8 pm in the Highland Room at ELPC. No experience is necessary, and the workshop is free.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR VCS

Vacation Church School will take place Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 from 9 am–3pm. Guided by our theme, *Who*

is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus, children ages 4 through grade 5 will explore God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

DON'T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY

Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available at tiny.cc/vcs2019.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth in grades 6–12 and adults of all ages are needed to serve as volunteers. We need folks who can serve all week and even those who can spare a few hours. There is a mandatory training session for all volunteers on Sunday, June 23 at 11 am.





As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Joseph Adjaye, Henk Bossers,
Kate Carlson's brother Henry,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Morris Jordan,
Jean Kennedy, Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen,
Nicole Molinaro & Alex Karaczun's friend Patty,
Ashley Parker, ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony and uncle Jim,
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Cami Teacoach,
Pat Valoon, and all the families in our country who are kept apart due to incarceration

Condolences to Dan Zander and Lorraine Commeret on their son's mother-in-law's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors Today, 12:00 pm (Highland Rm)
Membership & Outreach..... Today, 12:15 pm (McKehy Rm)
Justice Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 211)
Children & Family Wednesday, 5:00 pm (Highland Rm)

Middle School Mission Trip Team Building — June 14

Youth planning on attending our *Middle School Mission Trip* are invited to a team building event on Friday, June 14 from 5:30-8 pm. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net). *Please note: Youth participating in the Middle School and High School Mission Trips are asked to turn in permission forms, deposits, and scholarship forms to Sara Hackett today. Forms are available from Sara or online.*

Summer Worship Schedule — Begins June 16

On Sunday, June 16, we will transition to our summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Our plan is to remain inside through the month of July, moving to the courtyard on Aug 4.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — June 30

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, June 30 at 11:30 am when we will conclude our discussion of the themes in Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. We will focus on what the Kingdom of God is and who will inherit it. Previous reading or attendance is not required. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Chapel Market Needs Donations and Volunteers

Donations of summer clothing and toiletry items are being requested by ELPC's Chapel Market. Please leave donations in the indicated receptacle at the South Highland Ave entrance. Volunteers are also needed to serve in the Chapel Market on Mondays from 10 am–12 pm. Please contact Linda and Harold Deiss to volunteer (DeissHL@consolidated.net; 724.443.1826).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Dr. Ed Moore and Brass Roots in Concert — Today!

Today at 4 pm, organist Edward Alan Moore returns to Youngstown's Stambaugh Auditorium for a sonic spectacular of music, accompanied by The Brass Roots. Enjoy works by French composers, and take a journey through space and time! Purchase tickets at www.tickets.vendini.com.

RCC Pride Concert — Today!

Renaissance City Choir presents their 2019 Pride concert *A Celebration of our Community of Singers* in the ELPC Courtyard at 4 pm today. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$10 for students). Visit www.rccpittsburgh.com for tickets.

Medical Supplies Needed for Synod of Blantyre

More than 1.5 million people in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe were affected by a devastating cyclone in March. The delegation of travelers from the Pittsburgh Presbytery who are scheduled to journey to Malawi in July would like to help by obtaining some specific medical supplies, which are more affordable if purchased in bulk. The team plans to purchase the multivitamins and parasite medicines specifically requested to help prevent the spread of illness. Monetary donations are requested to cover the costs of purchasing these items. Please contact Eddie Willson for more info (willson.eddie@gmail.com; 646.856.1023).

Fake News and How to Spot It — June 6

Dr. Jessica Ghilani will discuss *Fake News and How to Spot It* on Thursday, June 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the East Liberty branch of the Carnegie Library. For more info or to register, please contact Gabrielle Bucci (412.363.8232).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

June 9 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKehy Rm) — “Fractures within the Church” led by Jim Russ

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–35; Romans 8:14–17; John 14:8–17, 25–27 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Care of the Earth” led by Lucy de Barbaro

Soul Food (3rd fl Music Rm) — A concluding discussion on selections from *Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Suzanne Wolfe and Steve Evrard

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church

*Next Sunday is the last day of
Adult Sunday School classes until Rally Day on September 8.*